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**Applicant:** Apotex Pharmacem Inc.  
**Title:** Process for the Preparation  
of Torsemide and Related  
Intermediates  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION  
OF NOVEMBER 14, 2005  
AMENDMENTS AND REMARKS**

March 13, 2006

The Commissioner of Patents  
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Dear Sir:

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the outstanding Official Action dated November 14, 2005 and due for response February 14, 2006, Applicant encloses a Request for a one month extension of time making this response due **March 14, 2006**. The Examiner is hereby authorized to withdraw the fee for a large entity of \$120.00 U.S. funds from Deposit Account 08-3255 in the name of Ivor M. Hughes. If there is any deficiency or over-payment of the fees authorized for withdrawal for the Extension of Time, please obtain any such deficiency or credit the over-payment to Deposit Account 08-3255 and advise Applicants' Agent.